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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (April 1-7, 2008)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

[1](#)2. (U) During the April 1-7, 2008 reporting period, one village guard was killed and three were injured in an April 5 explosion in Akcay, Sirnak Province, attributed to the PKK. The total number of security force casualties for the year through April 7, 2008 was 24 killed and 26 injured.

[1](#)3. (U) During the same period, seven PKK terrorists were killed, ten were captured and five surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the first week of April, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 293, the number of those captured was 80, and the number of those who surrendered was 43.

[1](#)4. (U) Civilian casualties for the year through the end of the first week of April remain at ten killed, with another 49 wounded. Dozens more civilians were wounded during March 21-23 Nevruz celebrations around the country.

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